GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FM Radio
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is earning revenue through FM Radio and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of revenue accruing from the FM Radio as on date, State-wise;
(c) the details of the FM Radio stations operating as on date, State-wise;
(d) the average estimated cost for setting up of FM radio stations;
(e) whether the Government proposes to set up some more FM radio stations; and
(f) If so, the State-wise details of locations for setting up of the said FM radio stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING,
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}
(a) & (b) The amount of revenue received from Private FM Radio as on date State-wise is at Annexure-I. As far as All India Radio is concerned, AIR is earning revenue through AIR FM Radio by Commercial (Advertisements) and has earned gross revenue of about Rs.204.78 Crore during the current Financial Year upto February 2017. State-wise details is given in Annexure-II.

(c) 290 Private FM radio channels are operating as on date. State-wise detail is given at Annexure-III. As far as All India Radio is concerned, 391 FM broadcasting Stations are functioning in the country which includes 195 nos. of 100 W FM Relay transmitters. State-wise details are given in Annexure-IV.

(d) The estimated cost for setting up of a typical 10 kW FM Radio Station for All India Radio alongwith 100 meter tower (excluding cost of land) is about Rs. 10 crore.

(e) & (f) The present Policy on expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting services through Private Agencies (Phase-III) approved by Union Cabinet on 07.07.2011 seeks to extend FM radio services to 227 new and uncovered cities, in addition to the present 67 cities, with a total of 839 new FM radio channels in 294 cities. The details are available at Ministry's website www.mib.nic.in. As far as AIR is concerned, state wise details of approved 113 new FM Stations including 52 nos. of 100 W FM Relay Stations is given in Annexure-V. In addition, setting up of 10 kW FM stations at Nellore, Udhampur and Sultanpur have also been approved for 2017-18.